

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows, with all references to the English-language translation of the international patent application.

Page 17, amend the paragraph in lines 19-21 (paragraph [0055] of published application) as follows:

~~FIG. 5 shows~~ FIGS. 5(A) and 5(B) show a modification of the tightening band shown in FIG. 1, wherein FIG. 5(A) ~~(A)~~ is a partial perspective view thereof and FIG. 5(B) ~~(B)~~ is a perspective view of a lever-plate fixing member.

Pages 17-18, amend the paragraph spanning page 17, line 26 to page 18, line 3 (paragraph [0058] of published application) as follows:

~~FIG. 8 illustrates~~ FIGS. 8(A) and 8(B) illustrate a tightening operation in the tightening band shown in FIG. 7, wherein FIG. 8(A) ~~(A)~~ shows a lever plate and a band protrusion before the tightening operation and FIG. 8(B) ~~(B)~~ shows the lever plate and the band protrusion during the tightening operation.